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**Sent:** Fri 7/28/2017 4:46:06 PM  
**Subject:** Awareness -- FW: LINDA: Media inquiry: PMN backlog

For your awareness that these Q's on backlog have come in from Chem Watch.

### **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

<https://www.epa.gov/reviewing-new-chemicals-under-toxic-substances-control-act-tsca/statistics-new-chemicals-review>

Maybe we can discuss at 2pm meeting.

Linda

**From:** Jones, Enesta  
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Linda, can you help with this one?

**From:** Kelly Franklin <kelly.franklin@chemicalwatch.com>  
**Date:** July 28, 2017 at 11:52:12 AM EDT  
**To:** "Graham, Amy" <graham.amy@epa.gov>, Press <Press@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Media inquiry: PMN backlog

Hi Amy,

I hope you've had a good week! With August just around the corner, I wanted to check in on how EPA is progressing with its PMN backlog commitment. I see that the July 25 stats on the website

show 401 left in the queue - will there be another update issued next Tuesday (Aug 1)?

I'm planning to write a story on Tuesday or Wednesday about the agency's progress, so if EPA would like to provide any comment on to how the backlog reduction process has been going, any challenges / unexpected setbacks encountered along the way, plans for continuing work on PMN reviews (and continuing to chip away at the backlog, if one still remains), etc., I'd welcome any thoughts you'd like to share.

Thanks and have a great weekend,

Kelly

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